

NOVEL CRYSTALLINE FORMS OF CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

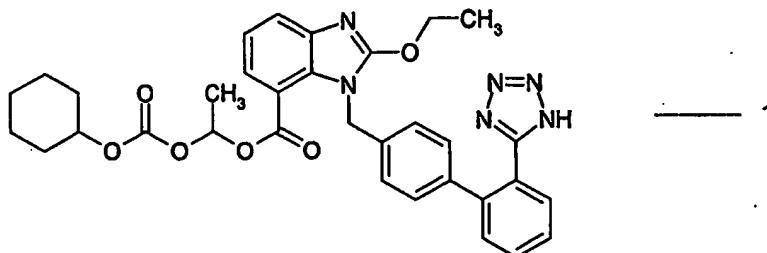
5 The present invention relates to two novel crystalline forms and a novel
 1,4-dioxane solvate of candesartan cilexetil, to processes for their preparation
 and to pharmaceutical compositions containing them.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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Candesartan cilexetil of formula (1):



15 or 2-Ethoxy-1-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]-1H-
 benzimidazole-7-carboxylic acid, 1-[(Cyclohexyloxy)carbonyloxy]ethyl ester.
 Candesartan cilexetil is an antihypertensive agent and its therapeutic uses were
 disclosed in US 5,196,444. US 5,196,444 also disclosed a crystalline form of
 candesartan cilexetil (C-type crystalline form). Two crystalline forms of
 20 candesartan cilexetil, form I and form II, are described in Chem. Pharm. Bull.
 47(2), 182-186 (1999).

We have discovered a novel 1,4-dioxane solvate of candesartan cilexetil and
 two novel crystalline forms of candesartan cilexetil. The novel forms have been
 found to be stable and reproducible.

25 The object of the present invention is to provide a stable novel 1,4-
 dioxane solvate of candesartan cilexetil and two stable crystalline forms of
 candesartan cilexetil, processes for preparing these forms and pharmaceutical
 compositions containing them.